

T H E T O W N O F MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of July 3, 2012 and the special town board meeting of July 6, 2012. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Richard Grant, Baltic Avenue commented that agenda addendum left the word area off of Sauk Prairie Recreational Area and it should be noted. He also wanted to clarify the Badger Oversight and Management Commission should include the word interim as it is still an interim board. There was no **PUBLIC COMMENT**. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a copy of the US Army's proposed time frame for the municipal water system per conditions of the WI Dept. of Natural Resources Alternative Feasibility Study conditions. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported the initial report on equalized values from the Dept. of Revenue lowered the town's value another 4% putting us at 10% below the 2007 revaluation. This will not affect the 2012 tax bills, however, should the town conduct a revaluation to meet those levels, the mill rate will increase from \$0.76% to \$0.84 without increasing the tax levy. A statewide Primary Election will be held on August 14, 2012. Craig Hamilton, representative for the town to the Badger Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). He attended a meeting last night and highlighted the closure process. There was also discussion about the proposed water utility would be difficult for the Army to build outside of the designated impact areas. He said that Laura Olah asked about the TAPP grant for the RAB and stated they do not have a valid reason for getting additional money and that the RAB has already spent a lot of money. Willis Meiers is the new DNR person with oversight over the Army and the parcel closing process. Craig was very happy with the presentation about how they clean contaminated areas and when they are ready, they submit the area to the DNR who then reviews the status of the area. If it is determined to be cleaned, then the area can be closed and transferred. He reported that if a property has contamination, then it goes on the GIS registry. McCumber asked if they repeated the number of 5 properties that the Army shared with the town that would go on GIS outside of the plant. The number in the plant boundaries that have contamination, those will also go on the registry. The DNR can grant closure on a contaminated area if it is determined to be stable. There is a regional committee can accept that status and the DNR has final approval. There are residential and recreational thresholds of contamination. The Army did inform them that the RAB is officially disbanded. Grant reported that Bob Eagan told him they are waiting for the Town of Sumpter for reforming the new committee. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the board was to consider contract proposal from Equity Appraisal to meet a state requirement to bring all assessment records into compliance with new electronic filing requirement and to consider the need for a possible revaluation in 2013 as tabled last month, however, the Assessor had the date wrong and could not be in attendance. Motion by Peetz to table until September, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered the annual purchase of propane from Hohl's Propane on a pre-pay contract of \$1.499 per gallon. Motion by Gaedke to purchase 1500 gallons, second by Peetz. Motion passed. An addendum to the agenda included the following items the board acted on: action regarding the reissuance of avoided fireworks permit for Merry Mac's Campground to the burning ban for the weekend of Labor Day. Motion to approve by Frosch, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Then they considered the reissuance of avoided fireworks permit for Summer Oaks Condo Association due to the burning ban for October 6, 2012. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Frosch, motion passed. The board then considered a letter to the DNR regarding the inclusion of Richard A. Grant park in the Sauk Prairie Recreational. McCumber read the letter which addressed several concerns surrounding the former Badger Pumphouse and the Clingman property and referenced a Resolution 2010-05 as adopted by the board on August 4, 2010. The board also addressed concerns about proposed private lands that are currently developed. Motion by Peetz to send the letter as drafted, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

Motion by Frosch to adjourn. Second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (please, no calls at residence except for emergencies). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.

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